

What is claimed is:

1. A housing adapted to enclose a tie-down device comprising a length of strap and a locking mechanism, said housing comprising a sack having a volume sufficient to contain a portion of said length of strap, and a generally flat portion adapted to contain said locking mechanism, said sack being foldable upon said flat portion and securable thereon.

2. The housing of claim 1, further comprising a pair of spaced slits in said generally flat portion of said housing.

3. the housing of claim 2, wherein each of said slits is adapted to receive a portion of said length of strap.

4. The housing of claim 1, wherein said generally flat portion has opposite free ends, and wherein said opposite free ends are adapted to be folded onto one another to enclose said sack.

5. A cargo tie-down system comprising, in combination, a tie down device comprising a tie-down strap and a locking mechanism to tension said strap, and a housing for enclosing said locking mechanism and for securing any excess tie-down strap formed after tensioning said strap with said locking mechanism, said housing comprising a sack having a volume sufficient to contain said excess tie-down strap, and a generally flat portion adapted to contain said locking mechanism, said sack being foldable upon said flat portion and securable thereon.

6. The cargo tie-down system of claim 5, wherein said generally flat portion comprises a pair of spaced slits through which said tie-down strap is threaded.

7. The cargo tie-down system of claim 5, wherein said generally flat portion has opposite free ends, and wherein said opposite free ends are adapted to be folded onto one another to enclose said sack.

8. The cargo tie-down system of claim 5, wherein said generally flat portion has opposite free ends, and wherein said opposite free ends are adapted to be folded onto one another to enclose said locking mechanism.